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LIFE SKILLS

If Only He'd Learned Cursive

Delaware State police have arrested a man they say presented an indecipherable bank robbery note to a teller. Troopers say Thomas J. Love walked into a bank in New Castle, Del., Saturday afternoon and gave a teller a deposit slip with a note written on it. The teller could not read the note, handed it back to the would-be robber and asked him to rewrite it. Love fled the bank but was spotted by police officer, who took him into custody. (AP)

CONFECTIONS

'He Was a Great Man. It's So Weird That We Have Fingers!'

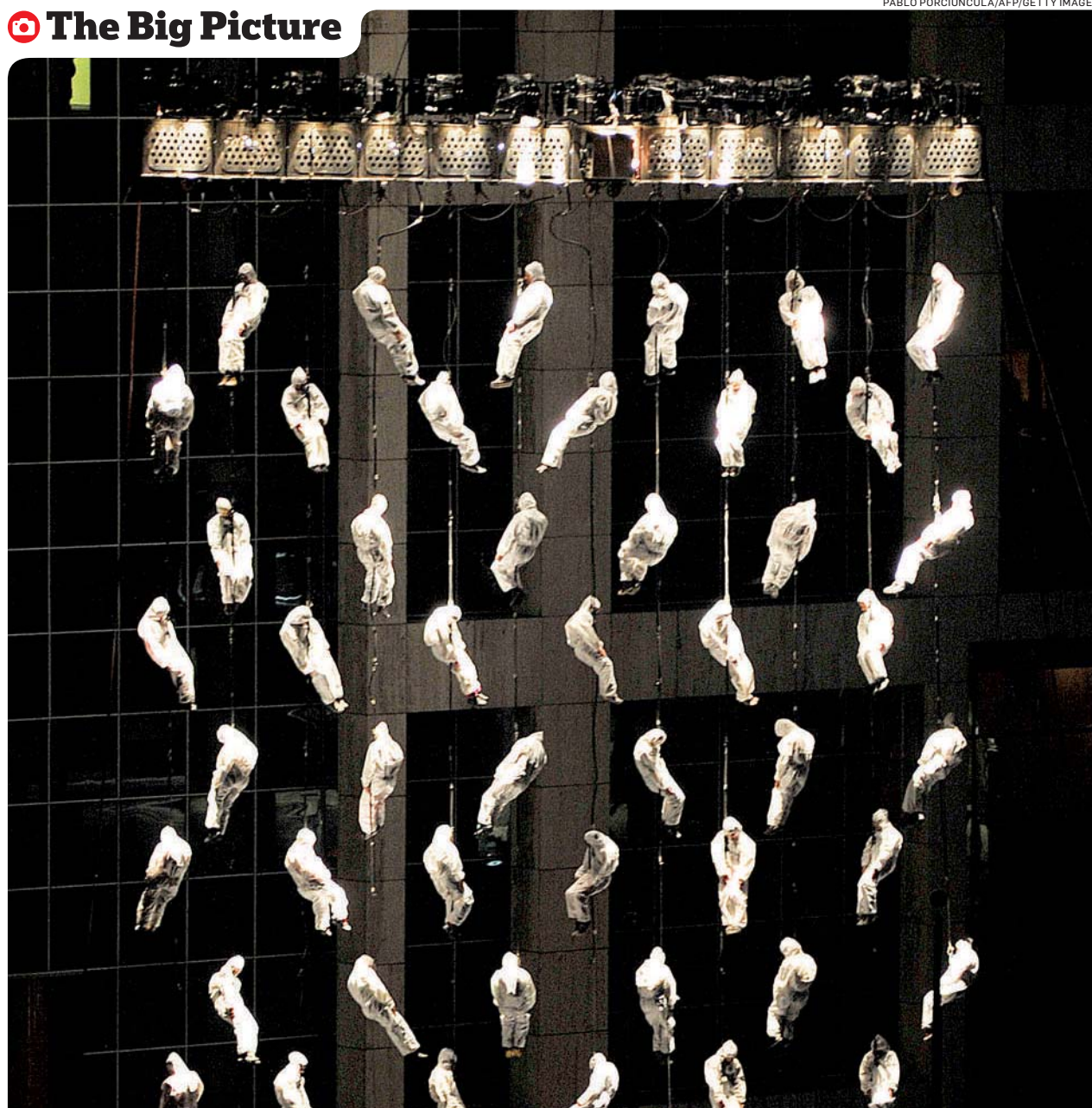
Three senior citizens in Huntington Beach, Calif., unknowingly ate marijuana-laced brownies at a friend's funeral. Two women and a man were taken to an emergency room Saturday after they complained of nausea and dizziness. "A tray of brownies were offered that has since been determined to have contained medical marijuana. No one was told the brownies contained the marijuana before they were consumed," police said. (AP)

HEROICS, SORT OF

'Stay Strong,' Batman Advises

Seattle police say the city's self-proclaimed superhero, Phoenix Jones, was arrested Sunday after he was accused of assaulting several people with pepper spray. But the masked vigilante says he was merely stopping a street brawl. Jones and supporters have been conducting late-night patrols in Seattle since last year. (AP)

The Big Picture



'REMEMBER WHEN OUR EMPLOYER COULD AFFORD ELEVATORS?': Artists perform during a rehearsal of Spain's La Fura dels Baus performance group on the eve of Uruguay's bicentennial celebrations on Sunday in Montevideo. (GETTY)

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Christie Endorses Romney for '12

N.J. governor sends a strong signal to skeptical Republicans

Lebanon, N.H.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie — who spurned repeated calls to run for president himself — endorsed Mitt Romney for the GOP presidential nomination Tuesday, sending a signal to the skeptical GOP establishment to fall in line behind the former Massachusetts governor.

“I’m here in New Hampshire for one simple reason: America cannot survive another four years of Barack Obama, and Mitt Romney’s the man to lead America and we need him now,” Christie said, standing alongside Romney.

The endorsement was a surprise, coming just hours before a GOP presidential debate and just a week after the pugnacious, budget-cutting Christie disappointed party elders and top GOP donors when he decided last week that he wouldn’t run for president in 2012.

In the intervening days, Romney and his chief rival, Texas Gov.



STEPHAN SAVOIA/AP

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's endorsement of Mitt Romney could influence groups Romney has struggled to win — many of whom view him as insincere.

GOP Debate

The seventh GOP presidential debate, at Dartmouth, started after Express' deadline. For analysis and highlights, visit washingtonpost.com/politics.

Rick Perry, have been scrambling to win support from the donors and party elders who had been sitting on the sidelines and waiting

for Christie to decide.

It’s unclear just how much impact — if any — the endorsement will have with fewer than three months before the primary voting season begins and as Romney tries to position himself as the party’s inevitable nominee.

Voters tend to make up their own minds about who to support. But Christie’s endorsement could

What Happens Next

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie has closer ties to the Mitt Romney than to other candidates. Romney endorsed Christie when the former U.S. attorney ran for governor in 2009. In January, he became the first Republican presidential contender to visit Christie at the governor’s mansion in Princeton. Christie’s financial supporters had been waiting for him to decide and the endorsement is a blow to Rick Perry, as it’s likely to send much of that cash to Romney. (AP)

influence groups Romney has struggled to win over — a core segment of the GOP establishment that isn’t enthused by him and the tea party, many of whom view him as insincere on issues they hold dear.

Christie said that the former Massachusetts governor could beat Obama and has the right mix of private-sector and government experience to be president. Romney, in turn, called Christie a “hero” because of his record of cutting government spending as governor of New Jersey. STEVE PEOPLES (AP)

Obama: I'll Break Up Jobs Bill

Washington

President Obama said Tuesday he’s prepared to break his jobs bill into pieces and try to move it that way, hours before the measure was defeated at the hands of Republican senators opposed to stimulus spending and a tax surcharge on millionaires.

“I don’t know how Congress will respond to the overall package, but our expectation is if they don’t pass the whole package, we’re going to break it up into constituent parts,” Obama told members of his jobs council in Pittsburgh not long before the first congressional vote on the \$447 billion jobs plan.

The plan combines payroll tax cuts for workers and businesses with \$175 billion in spending on roads, school repairs and other infrastructure, as well as unemployment assistance and help to local governments.

ANDREW TAYLOR (AP)

Correction

Tuesday’s Sound Bets column misstated the date of the Sorrows show at Quarry House Tavern as part of the Hail Hail Rock’N’Roll Fest. The show is on Saturday, not Sunday.

Overboard: Two weeks after the attack on Pearl Harbor, a Japanese submarine launched a torpedo at an American oil tanker just off the California coast, sinking the ship and possibly 3 million gallons of crude to the bottom of the ocean. On Wednesday, divers will begin their assessment on the hull of the SS Montebello — which experts believe could be full of oil — to find out how to prevent the crude from leaking and marring the coastline. (AP)



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Study: Vitamin E, Cancer Linked

Chicago

There is more evidence that taking vitamin E pills can be risky. A study that followed up on men who took high doses of the vitamin for about five years found they had a slightly increased risk of prostate cancer — even after they quit taking the pills.

Doctors say it's another sign that people should be careful about using vitamins and other supplements.

"People tend to think of vitamins as innocuous substances, almost like chicken soup — take a little and it can't hurt," said lead author Dr. Eric Klein of the Cleveland Clinic. The study shows that is not true. "If you have normal levels, the vitamin is probably of no benefit, and if you take too much, you can be harmed," Klein said.

"There should be a global warning that ... excessive uses of vitamins has not been proven to be beneficial and may be the opposite."

— **DR. OTIS BRAWLEY**, CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER FOR THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY, ON THE STUDY THAT SAYS TAKING VITAMIN E PILLS COULD INCREASE PROSTATE CANCER RISK.

Men randomly assigned to take a 400-unit capsule of vitamin E every day for about five years were 17 percent more likely to get prostate cancer than those given dummy pills. That dose, commonly found in over-the-counter supplements, is almost 20 times higher than the recommended adult amount, which is about 23 units daily.

The results mean for every 1,000 men who took vitamin E, there were 11 additional cases of prostate cancer, compared with men

taking dummy pills.

Vitamin E supplements have long been promoted for disease prevention, but scientific research has disproved many claims and suggested they might increase risks for some conditions, including heart failure.

Duffy MacKay of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, a supplement makers' trade group, said the study shouldn't be interpreted as questioning the benefits of vitamin E. **LINDSEY TANNER (AP)**

540,208

The number of signatures required for a petition to trigger a recall over Republican Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker over his contentious union rights. Supporters have from Nov. 15 to Jan. 7 to collect signatures. (AP)



Kevorkian Items Up for Sale

Dr. Jack Kevorkian's assisted suicide machine is among his personal effects being auctioned later this month. More than 140 items will be sold Oct. 28 at the New York Institute of Technology in Manhattan. They also include his paintings and his master lock from prison. Kevorkian used the machine — called a Thanatron — to assist in the deaths of about 130 people. (AP)

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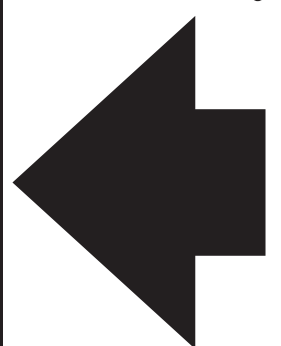
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Hamas Agrees to Free Israeli Detainee

Netanyahu: Deal will swap soldier for 1,027 Palestinians

Jerusalem

Israel and Hamas have reached a deal to free a captured Israeli soldier held in the Gaza Strip in exchange for more than 1,000 Palestinian prisoners, both sides said Tuesday, capping five years of painful negotiations that have repeatedly collapsed in fingerpointing and violence.

The deal, brokered by the new Egyptian government, would bring home Sgt. Gilad Schalit, who was captured in June 2006 by Palestinian militants who burrowed

into Israel. Little has been known about his fate since then.

Hamas and Israel are bitter enemies. Hamas has sent dozens of suicide bombers into Israel, killing hundreds, and Israel blockaded Gaza after Hamas seized power there in 2007, carrying out a large-scale invasion in 2009 to try to stop daily rocket attacks on Israel.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu convened an urgent Cabinet meeting Tuesday to approve the deal.

"Gilad will return to Israel in the coming days," Netanyahu declared in a nationally televised address. He said the deal was signed earlier in the day after being initialed last Thursday.

In Cairo, Egypt's state TV said



Backstory

Sgt. Gilad Schalit, 25, was captured in a cross-border raid in June 2006 by Palestinian militants who dragged him into Gaza. Hamas has allowed no access to Schalit, and released only a brief audio recording and a videotaped statement early in his five years in captivity.

Schalit's plight has captured the attention of Israel, where military service is mandatory for Jewish citizens. Schalit's father, Noam, has become a well-known public figure through a campaign to win his son's freedom, leading demonstrations and sleeping in a tent outside Netanyahu's residence. (AP)

Egypt succeeded in sealing the exchange. An Egyptian official described his government's role as the guarantor of the deal.

In Damascus, Hamas' supreme leader, Khaled Mashaal, confirmed the deal, saying 1,027 Palestinian

prisoners would be freed. "This is a national achievement for the whole Palestinian people," he said.

Israel had previously balked at Hamas' demands because many of the prisoners are serving lengthy sentences for deadly attacks on

Israelis, and critics have warned that the militants could resume violence once they are freed.

Netanyahu acknowledged the pain of families who have lost loved ones to Palestinian violence.

"This is a tough decision. My heart is with the families of terror attacks," he said. "I believe we got the best deal that we could get, considering the storms of the Middle East."

Israel has agreed to unequal prisoner swaps for decades, including handing over 4,600 Palestinian and Lebanese captives in 1983 in exchange for six captured Israeli soldiers. In 2008, it even freed Arab prisoners for the bodies of two soldiers killed by Hezbollah in Lebanon. JOSEF FEDERMAN (AP)

Slovakia Votes To Reject EU Bailout Effort

Bratislava, Slovakia

Slovakia's Parliament rejected the expansion of the euro currency zone's bailout fund Tuesday. The effort failed to pass by 21 votes.

Slovakia remains the only country in the 17-member eurozone that has not approved expanding the bailout fund, which requires unanimous support. The country's one-year-old coalition government also fell with the vote, as it included a no-confidence measure.

EU officials still may be able to find a way of getting around the Slovakian rejection of the bill to boost the powers and size of the euro bailout fund, which is designed to contain market turmoil in light of the debt crisis, but doing so would carry costs to European unity. KAREL JANICEK (AP)

Austerity Tensions on the Rise in France



A DEMONSTRATOR CARRIES A FLARE Tuesday during protests in Paris against austerity measures planned by France's government. Strikes disrupted some French trains and schools, though the turnout in 39 cities and 193 protest marches was lackluster. In Paris, the protest march drew 16,000 people, police said — 25,000, according to organizers.

THIBAUT CAMUS/AP

In Brief

KIEV, UKRAINE

Former PM Given Prison For Russia Deal



Tymoshenko

Ex-Ukrainian prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko was sentenced to seven years in prison Tuesday on charges of abuse of office in signing a gas deal with Russia, a verdict the EU and the U.S. condemned. Tymoshenko, 50, the nation's top opposition leader, was also banned from government posts for three years after her prison term and fined \$190 million for the damages to the state. (AP)

LONDON

U.N. Agency Reports Dip In Tuberculosis Rates

The World Health Organization said Tuesday the number of people with tuberculosis has fallen for the first time. WHO estimated 8.8 million people fell ill last year, down from a peak of about 9 million in 2005, a drop partly due to the availability of treatment. (AP)

6,359 The number of prisoners that Myanmar will issue amnesty to Wednesday, the country's newly elected civilian government said Tuesday in a move that may help patch its human rights record. President Thein Sein, who took office in March, has vowed reforms to undo the decades of harsh military rule. (AP)

World

NATO: Resistance Seen in Libya Surprising

Intensive fighting with Gadhafi troops wages on in Sirte

Sirte, Libya

NATO expressed surprise Tuesday at the resistance by forces defending Moammar Gadhafi's hometown as heavy fighting persisted more than two months after the fall of the capital, Tripoli.

The comments by Col. Roland

Lavoie appeared aimed at pressuring loyalists to stop fighting and begin talks with one-time rebels who now rule the country, thanks largely to NATO firepower.

Instead, in places such as Sirte, Gadhafi loyalists are still fighting, though they can no longer be resupplied after the new government's units won control of key parts of the town's center, Lavoie said.

"It just does not make sense to see what these few remaining forces are doing," he said. "This

Backstory

NATO has said it would end its seven-month-long bombing campaign in Libya once it is clear that Moammar Gadhafi's loyalists no longer present a significant threat. But for the time being, the coalition is keeping up its airstrikes, mainly against targets in the coastal city of Sirte and the desert enclave of Bani Walid, where dogged pro-Gadhafi forces remain in control. (AP)

could certainly be qualified as surprising."

Gunfire echoed in Sirte on Tuesday as revolutionary forces said they had the enemy pinned. Libya's interim leadership, which began a major offensive Friday in a bid to rout the remnants of the old regime, says it can declare liberation only after Sirte falls.

"The good news today is that the Gadhafi family is starting to flee Sirte," Col. Kamel el-Magrabi said from the front line. (AP)

CRIME

Like a Movie Plot

In a dramatic rescue Tuesday, British and U.S. forces freed an Italian cargo ship hijacked by Somali pirates a day earlier after retrieving a message in a bottle tossed by the hostages alerting ships where the crew was safely sealed. All 23 crew members were rescued, the Italian Foreign Ministry said. (AP)



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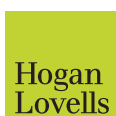
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Va. May Get More Sway in MWAA

Council will consider whether authority needs more seats

Washington

The Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments is scheduled to be briefed Wednesday on a proposal from a federal lawmaker that would give Virginia more seats on the authority that operates Dulles and Reagan airports.

Last month the board of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority held a discussion on legislation proposed by U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf, a Republi-

can, that would increase its size from 13 members to 17 and make it easier to remove members. Virginia would receive the extra seats, a total of nine members, because the two airports are located in the commonwealth.

"Anything that happens there has the most impact on Virginia," Wolf has said.

However, the MWAA board has rejected that idea and has authorized its chairman, Charles Snelling, to oppose the effort.

The move comes after MWAA spent months involved in a bitter debate over costs of Phase 2 of the Metrorail extension to Dulles and Loudoun County and the location of

Backstory

Wolf and Rep. Tom Latham, R-Iowa, asked the U.S. Department of Transportation earlier this year to audit MWAA. The inspector general announced this summer that he will investigate the "management policies and processes" of the authority. (TWP)

a station at the airport. Officials are in negotiations with representatives from the state, the U.S. Department of Transportation and local jurisdictions over how to pay for the second leg of the new line. The first portion is under construction through Tysons Corner to Wiehle

Avenue and is scheduled to open to customers in late 2013.

Board members are appointed by the District mayor; the governors of Maryland and Virginia; and the federal government. Wolf's bill would also allow the governors, the D.C. mayor and the president to remove appointees from their respective jurisdictions, even if the appointees were chosen by their predecessors.

Snelling is scheduled to meet with the COG board during the Wednesday meeting. The council is a regional group of 21 local governments. The meeting will be held at noon at 777 North Capitol St. MICHAEL D. BOLDEN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Weekend Track Work

Metro plans to fit in some repairs and maintenance from 10 p.m. Friday through Saturday.

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- ▶ Orange and Blue line trains will share one track between Eastern Market and Stadium-Armory as crews conduct tunnel repairs and replace rail fasteners.
- ▶ Orange Line trains will share one track between Vienna and West Falls Church. Crews will replace cross ties and insulators on the tracks.
- ▶ Blue and Yellow line trains will share single-track between the National Airport and Braddock Road stations.



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Demonstrators Hit Capitol Hill

6 arrested at Senate office after unveiling 'Tax the Rich' banner

Washington

Six protesters were arrested in the Hart Senate Office Building Tuesday, U.S. Capitol Police reported.

The protesters were arrested shortly after 11:30 a.m. at the office building, located at C and E Streets in NE D.C.

Video footage from television news stations shows the demonstrators attempted to unfurl a banner inside the building that said "Tax the Rich."

The banner was grabbed by a police officer before the arrests.

According to a statement from spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Schneider, they have been charged with unlawful conduct — demonstrating in a Capitol building — and are being processed at USCP headquarters on D Street NE.

It is unclear whether the protesters are associated with the Occupy D.C. demonstrators, who have been camping out in growing numbers at Freedom Plaza.

If they are, these would be the first arrests made in connection with the Occupy D.C. protest. MAGGIE FAZELI FARD (THE WASHINGTON POST)



U.S. Capitol Police detain a protester in the Hart Senate Office Building Tuesday. J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Meanwhile ...

Demonstrators who have spent five days camping in downtown D.C. to protest war and other causes including corporate greed were feeling more relaxed Tuesday as it appeared details of the group's permit extension were being worked out. Carol Johnson, a spokeswoman for the National Park Service, which oversees demonstration permits for the area including Freedom Plaza, said officials were attempting to sort out details. Four months is the maximum amount of time for which officials issue permits, Johnson said Tuesday. JESSICA GRESKO (AP)



VOTING

Fight for the Right

District of Columbia leaders are gearing up for a rally and march to advocate for full representation in Congress. Mayor Vincent Gray's office is organizing Saturday's "Full Democracy for D.C." event. It's part of the run-up to Sunday's dedication of the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the Tidal Basin, which was postponed in August due to Hurricane Irene. The mayor believes representation for the District is an unfilled part of King's legacy. (AP)

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Local

Police: Metro Bus Driver Stabbed

Wheaton, Md.

A Metro bus driver was stabbed near the Wheaton Metro station early Tuesday morning after what police are describing as an altercation with a passenger.

According to Montgomery County police, the 28-year-old driver had started his route at the Silver Spring Metro station when a passenger told him that a man, 52-year-old Victor McEachin, was masturbating in the back of the bus.

As the bus approached the Wheaton Metro station, McEachin



McEachin

reportedly walked to the front of the bus and "started an altercation," spokesman Paul Starks said.

The two men fought and, after the suspect fled the scene, the bus driver realized he had been stabbed, Starks said. McEachin has been charged with first-degree assault. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

ANNAPOLIS, MD.

Rep. Edwards Against Md. Redistricting Plan

Maryland Rep. Donna Edwards says she doesn't support a redistricting plan in its current form because it doesn't adequately represent minorities. Edwards, a Democrat, said in a statement Tuesday that she is confident Gov. Martin O'Malley can make substantial changes to the proposal before he submits the plan to the General Assembly for a special session next week. (AP)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Teen Gets 7 Years For Zoo Stabbing, Beating

A Washington teen was sentenced Tuesday to seven years in prison for stabbing and beating another teen at the National Zoo. Mshairi Alkebul, 16, was charged as an adult in the Easter Monday attack. He pleaded guilty in June to charges of assault with a dangerous weapon and carrying a dangerous weapon. (AP)



Miller's Market suffered damage in the magnitude-5.8 quake in Mineral, Va.

MINERAL, VA.

McDonnell Asks Obama To Visit Earthquake Site

Gov. Bob McDonnell asked President Obama in a letter Tuesday to visit the town of Mineral — which was at the epicenter of the Aug. 23, magnitude-5.8 earthquake — so he can see the damage. Obama's administration last week turned down Virginia's application for federal assistance for individuals whose homes or businesses were damaged. (AP)

The Lotteries

Tuesday, Oct. 11

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Mid-day D.C. Five	0-7-4-0-9
Evening D.C. Five (Mon.)	8-3-4-3-0

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	1-6-2
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	5-2-5
Mid-day Pick 4	6-3-1-3
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	7-7-4-7
Match 5 (Mon.)	8-21-22-29-36 (9)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	6-0-7
Evening Pick 3 (Mon.)	4-2-8
Mid-day Pick 4	5-7-7-7
Evening Pick 4 (Mon.)	5-6-3-2
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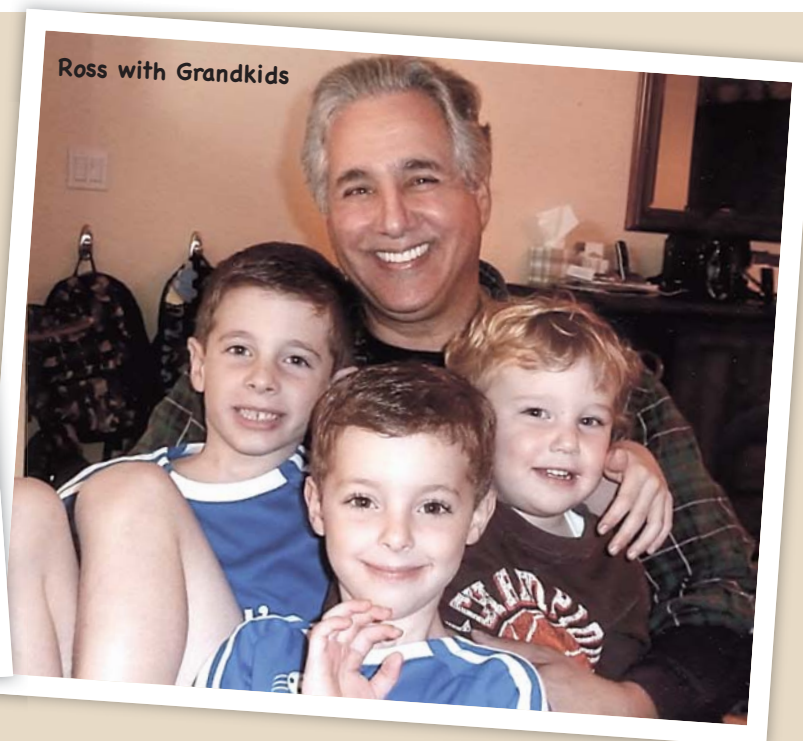
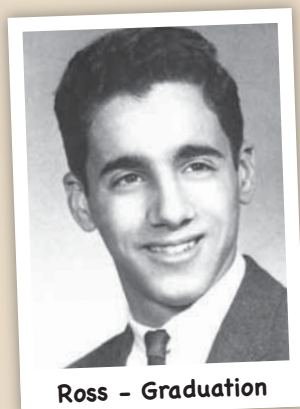
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Sports

In Brief



The University of Phoenix Stadium was selected to host the 2015 Super Bowl.

PRO FOOTBALL

Arizona Beats Out Tampa As 2015 Super Bowl Host

The Phoenix area was awarded the 2015 Super Bowl by NFL owners Tuesday, beating the only other candidate — Tampa, Fla. “We are thrilled to be back in Arizona,” Commissioner Roger Goodell said. “I will say it was a difficult choice.” The Super Bowl also was held at University of Phoenix Stadium in 2008, when the Giants beat the Patriots 17-14. (AP)

NFL FOOTBALL

It's Tebow Time in Denver

The Denver Broncos will start Tim Tebow against the Miami Dolphins when they return from their bye week, coach John Fox said Tuesday. Tebow supplants Kyle Orton, who has struggled ever since winning the job in training camp. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Garcia Dismissed From Gamecocks, AD Says

South Carolina quarterback Stephen Garcia has been dismissed from the Gamecocks. Athletic director Eric Hyman said the fifth-year senior failed to meet agreed-upon guidelines put in place after Garcia's fifth suspension this past spring. (AP)

NASCAR

Johnson Makes Second Sports Illustrated Cover

Five-time defending NASCAR champion Jimmie Johnson will be on the cover of Sports Illustrated that goes on sale Wednesday. It's Johnson's second time on the cover, but only the 10th time Sports Illustrated has featured NASCAR nationally on its front. (AP)



Ryan Torain, left, made a splash with a score in Week 4 against the Rams. Roy Helu, center, has made a difference as a change-of-pace back. But Tim Hightower is the starter.

Ready, Set, Run

Dynamic backfield hasn't reached full potential as they see it

The Redskins

The Washington Redskins still are seeking consistency in their rushing attack and may start a new running back Sunday. But once they can finally establish a reliable run game, offensive players believe they can legitimately rank among the league's contenders.

“I don't think we know how good we can be yet,” says Tim Hightower, who has started the first four games at running back. “We haven't played the kind of football game that we know we can

play. Defense and special teams have bailed us out. We've been good at times, we haven't been good in the red zone and haven't been good on third downs at times. We have a long way to go ... but the more consistent we can become, the better we're going to be.”

The Redskins rank 15th in the league's total offense category, averaging 356 yards a game, but when it comes to scoring, they rank 22nd, with 20.8 points a game. Hightower & co. believe that better production in the running game will set up Washington for more manageable third-down and red zone situations.

With a quarter of the games under their belts, the Redskins are hoping they can turn the cor-

ner and hold a collective focus on executing more effectively.

“Even on games where we only have 90 yards rushing, we're a couple plays away from having 150,” center Will Montgomery says. “So I feel like we're capable of producing each week. The learning curve, everybody's getting it more. ... Everybody's just pedal to the grindstone and wants to do well.”

The Redskins still are sorting things out when it comes to their feature back. Hightower started the first four games but struggled in the last two while nursing an injury. Ryan Torain entered the last game and rushed for 135 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries, creating a positive predicament for his team.

“Is [starting] important? Yeah, it's important. That's my job; that's what I do. That's what I take pride in.”

—TIM HIGHTOWER, WHO LEADS THE REDSKINS WITH 233 YARDS RUSHING.

Coach Mike Shanahan has yet to reveal which back will start Sunday when the Philadelphia Eagles come to town, but Torain believes that regardless of who starts, he, Hightower and rookie Roy Helu can combine to carry their team.

“I want to play just as much as anybody on this team, but we're just going to work hard to make the team better,” Torain says.

MIKE JONES (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Prime-Time Opinion: Hall of Famer and NFL Network commentator Deion Sanders made comments on the air Monday about who he thought was the best quarterback in the division. “Let me look at my camera and spit this game: Rex Grossman may be the best quarterback right now in the NFC East. Yeah, I said it, and I didn't stutter. He may be. And the team with the most balance may be the Washington Redskins,” Sanders said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Sports

Hamid Gets His Chance

United goalie thrust into backup role on U.S. national team

Soccer

When Bill Hamid was called into the U.S. national team for the first time in August, it was initially seen as a trial period for a player on the cusp of becoming an international regular at some point down the line.

The process seems to have picked up some pace for D.C. United's 20-year-old goalkeeper.

Hamid was officially anointed the No. 2 goalkeeper in the U.S. national team pool by manager Jurgen Klinsmann, cementing his place in the squad for months, and presumably years, to come. Playing time — which Hamid has yet to receive on the international level — is still expected to be scarce behind steady starter Tim Howard, but Klinsmann's endorsement is a massive vote of confidence in the up-and-coming talent.

"The backup right now is Bill Hamid," Klinsmann definitively said after a U.S. training session on Monday. "He has tremendous talent, but obviously he's very young and not ready to be the next goalie yet. We see a lot of upside in his game, but we are very careful in his development. The most important thing is that he plays for D.C. United every game."

Brad Guzan, 27, had long been Howard's regular backup, but with him situated on the bench at Aston Villa in England's Premier League, Klinsmann has been forced to turn his attention elsewhere.

Regular playing time is invaluable to Klinsmann, which is per-



Bill Hamid, D.C. United's goalie, has never appeared for the U.S. national team.

"We see a lot of upside in his game, but we are very careful in his development."

— JURGEN KLINSMANN, U.S. MEN'S NATIONAL TEAM HEAD COACH, SPEAKING ABOUT D.C. UNITED GOALIE BILL HAMID, ABOVE, WHO WAS CALLED UP LAST WEEK.

haps why Hamid, who was on the bench for Saturday's win over Honduras, was released from the national team prior to Tuesday's match against Ecuador to join D.C. United ahead of its crucial match in Vancouver Wednesday night. Getting experience in pressure-filled MLS matches such as Wednesday's tilt at the refurbished BC Place will certainly help simulate the intensi-

ty of future international contests in which Hamid will play. Next year's Olympic qualifying matches figure to be his first real tests in a U.S. jersey.

"We hope that with Bill coming in and the experience and environment of having Tim Howard next to him is almost like a mentor," Klinsmann said. "He fits in our picture of developing an Olympic team."

"I like the young guys," Howard said. "They remind me a lot of myself. When I was young, Bruce [Arena] would call me in and I wouldn't play. I'd just say, 'I just want to come in and learn and see what it's like.'"

Now Hamid finds himself in the same position as his one-time role model and current mentor.

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Not This Time: Norway's 3-1 victory over Cyprus on Tuesday wasn't enough as it failed to qualify for next year's European Soccer Championship after finishing third in Group H. Denmark's 2-1 victory over Portugal ensured it finished top of the group with the Portuguese claiming second place and the playoff spot for next year's tournament in Poland and Ukraine. Portugal and Norway finished tied on 16 points, but the Portuguese advanced due to a better goal difference. (AP)



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Fans Can Only Dream Of NBA's Problems

With season's first 2 weeks canceled, both sides appear greedy

Pro Basketball

Color me completely unsurprised that the NBA canceled the first two weeks of the season. Frankly, I thought it would be more. Frankly, I think it will be more — unless both sides undergo a sea change in their core values. And neither is there yet.

When Commissioner David Stern says, "We can't close the gap," what he means is "We won't close the gap." Any time two sides emerge from negotiations to say they can't

reach agreement — and I don't care if it's Congress or you and your teenage son — it's a lie. It just means one or both sides will not compromise. Because you can't negotiate without compromise, that's that. Just don't act like it's beyond your control. It is completely within your control.



By Tracee Hamilton

And Stern is not the only one at fault. The players union fought off a hard salary cap and is now tussling with a luxury tax penalty that it claims amounts to about the same thing. Because heaven forbid there would be a limit on how much teams pay — and overpay — for some of this



Players association president Derek Fisher speaks after labor talks Monday.

NBA "talent." Frankly, for some teams, a hard cap would be a general manager's best friend.

By losing the first two weeks of the season, the owners say they'll lose hundreds of millions, and the

players will lose more than \$350 million for every month they don't play. Both sides hope those losses will teach the other side a lesson.

Are they all crazy? In our current economic climate, the idea that either side can throw around figures such as those is ludicrous.

But hard-core NBA fans already are feeling the pain, and those are the people the league and its players can least afford to alienate. The casual fan who shows up when football ends is probably still going to show up. By then, the loyal hoops folks may have decided they've had enough, that they owe no further allegiance to a sport that shows so little regard for them.

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

TV Lineup

HOCKEY (7:30 P.M., VERSUS)

The struggling Stanley Cup Champion Bruins head to Raleigh to take on the Hurricanes who are in dire straits, having not won a game yet this year.

MLB PLAYOFFS (4 P.M., FOX)

The Rangers take on the Tigers in the second game of three scheduled against the Tigers in Comerica Park in the AL Championship Series.

MLB PLAYOFFS (8 P.M., TBS)

Brewers righty Yovani Gollardo is scheduled to take on the Cardinals' Chris Carpenter in Game 3 of the NL Championship Series.

D.C. UNITED (10:00 P.M., CSN)

The Black and Red take their playoff push to the Pacific Northwest against the Vancouver Whitecaps at BC Arena.



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China's micro blogs are double-edged sword that can cleave a way up for celebrities or bring them down in an instant. **Han Bingbin** and **Tang Yue** zoom in for a closer look at how one celebrity learned some tough lessons on what to do and what not to do.



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Like many celebrities, Yao Chen, 32, also posts her lifestyle photographs on her micro blog.

Yao Chen has been crowned China's "Queen of the micro blogs". It is a title she wears with some discomfort, although the fact that 11 million people follow everything she says on her blog makes her one of the most followed celebrities in the world. Not all are fans, though, and Yao said there are often "unreasonable people" cursing her on her page. She calls it "language violence" and it hurts, she said. She has even considered calling it quits, and she told us how she misses those days when her "territory" was smaller, but a lot more controllable. It all started in September 2009 — the day she opened an account on Sina Weibo, the country's most popular social network messaging service provider. She was such a novice at that time she needed a friend's help just to get registered. For her, a B-list actress then, it provided an interesting "salon space" where she "shouted to friends across the distance". Six weeks later, her number of followers had reached 100,000, a figure that both shocked and flattered her. "If these people had shouted back at me in a public square, the sound would have made me tremble," she said. Fortunately, they were still a silent, if rapidly growing, majority. But there was more drama to follow.

In the next two years, enthusiastic followers kept

joining her micro blog until she became the third most popular micro blogger in the world, after top Tweeters Lady Gaga and pop idol Justin Bieber. Her popularity opened up career opportunities and she started appearing on big budget films and earned lucrative endorsement contracts for cosmetics and other products.

But more significantly, her popularity became a case study of the dynamic changes in virtual communications in China.

According to a study by the China Internet Network Information Center, by the end of June 2011, the country had 195 million micro bloggers, an increase of 132 million in the first half of this year alone.

That is to say, two in five Chinese netizens are tweeting, many of them through their cell phones.

This is how it works. Micro blog messages are limited to 140 Chinese characters, and are quick and easy to read. A mutual tracking system weaves a strong and effective network that helps information spread like a virus — one click sends a message to thousands and the thousands can forward it to millions in another moment. It can go viral in an instant, and spread to legions.

This speed provides a petri dish for public opinion, creating a platform that often exposes

the darker sides of society and the underbelly of injustice.

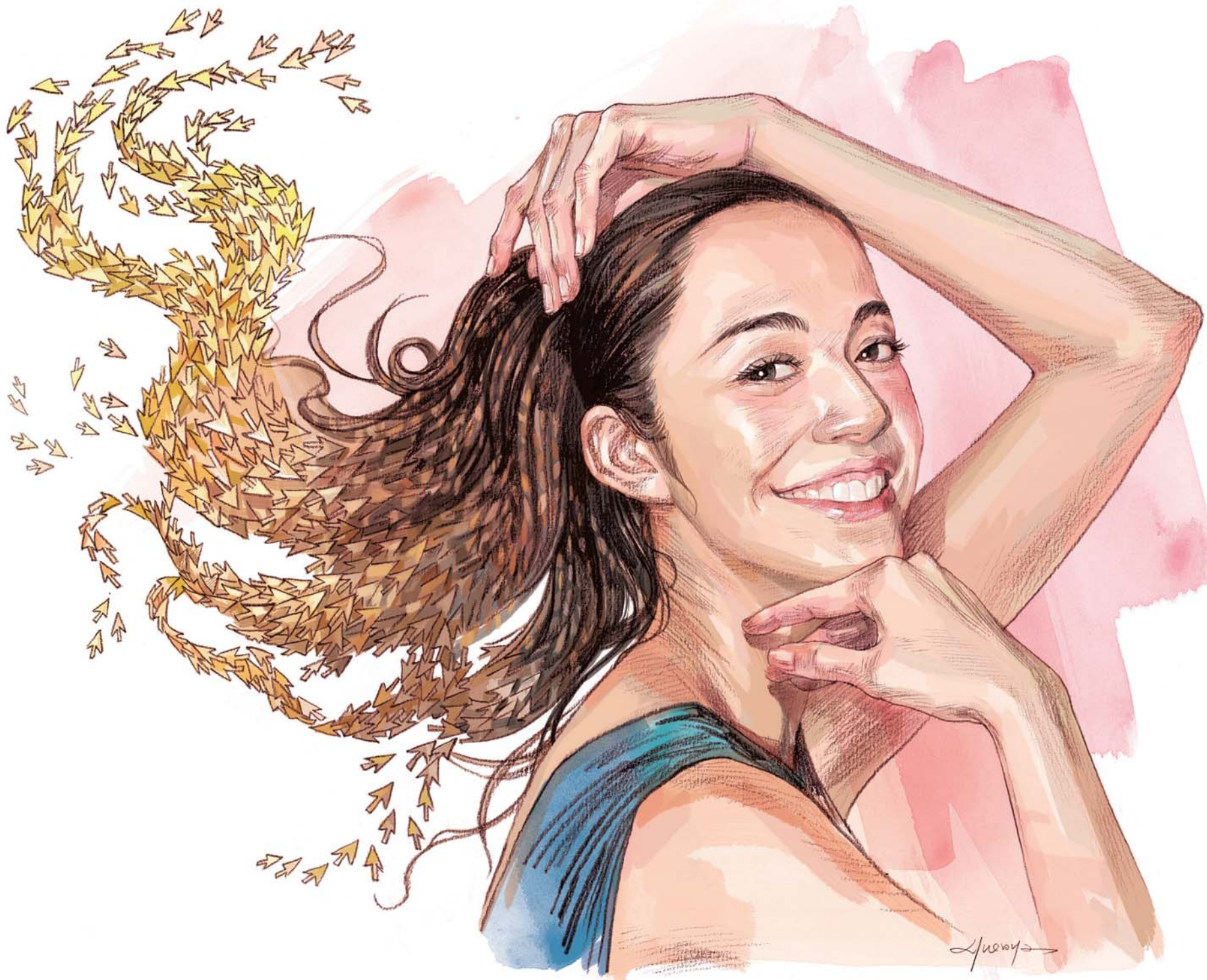
The public sentiment research laboratory at Shanghai Jiaotong University released a paper at the end of 2010 that showed some enlightening figures: Of the 50 most followed public opinion cases in 2010, 11 were exposed on micro blogs, and among the 74 most influential public opinion cases related on the micro blog, half showed the hands of opinion leaders.

The conclusion is that those with a cause, and those who are actively lobbying for a cause, have all turned to the micro blog as an effective tool in galvanizing support — quickly.

It is this trend that boosts Yao's popularity as a micro blogger.

Many of those whom Yao tracked on her micro blog are members of the media, or intellectuals with something to say. It could be this push-pull factor that has made Yao Chen different. Unlike other entertainers, her micro blog is not just about glamour shots and gossip. From very early on, she consciously posted messages about matters that interested her, including public causes like stolen children and murder cases, or current talking points like the train crash on July 23. She was a visible presence on these occasions, helping to spread public messages or sharing her own opinion on

The power and glory



what was happening. Her new role as a budding activist, in return, drew more eyeballs and supporters.

Each time she tweets on a hot topic, it attracts thousands of reposts and comments, which means she has become a formidable voice on the virtual realm.

Each day, thousands call out to her via the micro blog. On the day of our interview, she had 5,000 messages waiting for a reply. Many are genuine cries for help, and the cases may range from simple quarrels to what they see as unfair treatment.

Yao said she inherited her sense of chivalry from her father, and she did initially recognize her power in highlighting certain situations on her micro blog, spotlighting some cases and broadcasting calls for assistance. But one day, she took a hard lesson.

In June this year, she posted an entry that told a sad story. Her mother's cousin tried to commit suicide by swallowing rat poison because her land was requisitioned with what she considered unfair compensation.

Yao's mother asked Yao if she knew anyone in Beijing who could help their relative. But Yao said she knew no one, and could

only help by posting the story.

But when she deleted the entry, there were those who immediately assumed Yao was afraid of the authorities although she denied that. She said it was the excessively emotional responses from the netizens that made her remove that micro blog.

"If I use this platform to publicize my family problems and solve them, people would say 'She's a public figure and able to use the power of the micro blog to solve her own problems.' It'll trigger negative emotions among those who can't have their own problems solved," she explained.

This made her realize that in harnessing such huge influence, she needed to moderate her postings in view of the larger responsibility. As Yao realizes that power comes in tandem with responsibility, she has set two major guidelines for herself. One, that she avoids posting or reposting anything that she cannot verify as the truth. Two, that she no longer blogs on any situation she feels may be hard or impossible to solve.

"If I get angry about something I read on micro blogs and then repost it, it will only trigger more hatred," she said.

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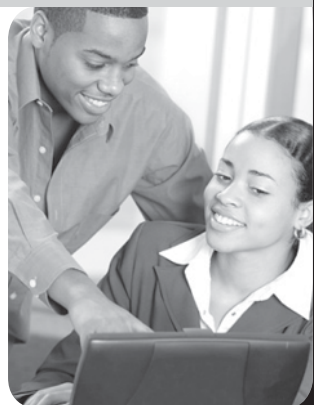
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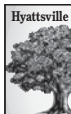
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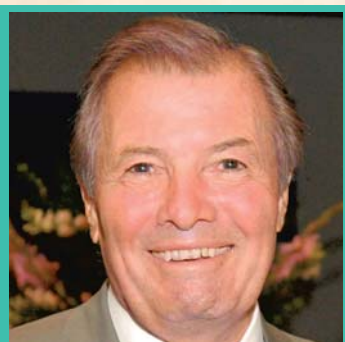
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A Three-Way Affair

Jeffrey Eugenides explores the classic love triangle with 'The Marriage Plot'

Book Review

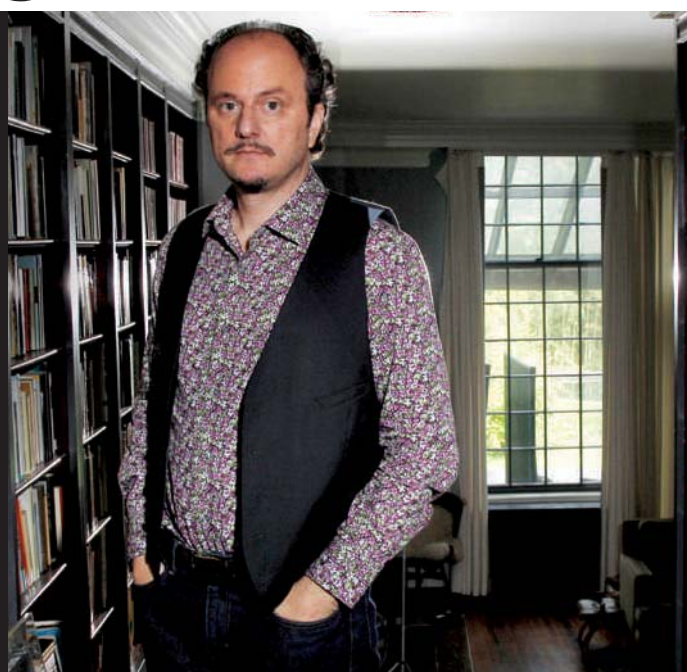
Madeleine Hanna is a college senior at the beginning of Jeffrey Eugenides' lively novel, "The Marriage Plot" (\$28, Farrar, Straus and Giroux), a starry-eyed English major who just spent four years devouring British novels about the romantic tribulations of upper-class young women and their striving suitors.

As college winds down and Madeleine heads uncertainly for adulthood, she finds herself mired in a love triangle that might have been pulled straight from one of her beloved books. Two men vie for her affection, both flawed but also with plenty to offer.

"The Marriage Plot" is both a love story and a novel about love stories: The term itself, academic in origin, refers to mostly 18th- and 19th-century novels that concerned often difficult courtships between young women and their romantic

"I don't usually start with the idea that I'm going to write a novel trying to reinvent or play with the marriage plot in a modern context."

— JEFFREY EUGENIDES, SHOWN, ON HOW HE STARTED "THE MARRIAGE PLOT" BY SIMPLY WRITING ABOUT THE ROMANTIC ENTANGLEMENTS OF A COLLEGE GIRL WHO LOVED BOOKS. THE STORY'S MAIN METAPHOR DIDN'T COME UNTIL LATER. (AP)



pursuers. They usually ended with a marriage.

Eugenides uses early chapters to establish that heady duality, but then the novel's later sections largely abandon the brainy approach in favor of a deep focus on about a year in the life of his three main characters. In that turn toward traditional storytelling, "The Marriage Plot" is an appealing yarn, but it may leave fans missing the more expansive nature of his earlier novels.

Eugenides is in the handful of

decidedly literary novelists to enjoy true popular success. Sofia Coppola made a well-received film of his 1993 novel, "The Virgin Suicides," and he won a Pulitzer Prize for his 2002 novel, "Middlesex," which also earned the coveted Oprah Winfrey endorsement. Both books shared a mythical quality that "The Marriage Plot," for all its enjoyments, does not summon.

By shifting toward realism, Eugenides puts the spotlight more directly on the motives and deci-

sions of Madeleine along with the two men in her life.

Eugenides steers effortlessly through the intertwining tales of his three protagonists, shifting seamlessly among their three viewpoints and overlapping their stories in a way that's easy to follow and never labored. Slowly but confidently, he fleshes out his characters, and as they accrue weight and realism, readers will feel increasingly opinionated about the choices they make.

PATRICK CONDON (AP)

A Lifeless Debut for Joe Jonas

Album Review

Most pop singers are jumping on the European-flavored dance bandwagon. Not Joe Jonas.

Instead, he's trying to ride the contemporary R&B train, with production and songwriting assists from Danja and LaShawn Daniels. He even recruited Chris Brown to co-write two songs. Lil Wayne also

appears, on a remix.

It seems like Jonas took all the right steps to make a decent album. But the result



Fastlife
Joe Jonas

is poor.

Overall, "Fastlife" is lifeless. Vocally, the 22-year-old Jonas is boring: He lacks energy when he sings, and even he doesn't seem interested in what he's singing about. Lyrically, the former boyfriend of Taylor Swift is mainly singing about the downside of relationships. And sonically, most of the songs play like Justin Timberlake and Brown leftovers. Jonas doesn't add much to the mediocre tracks throughout the album, and on some songs he even sounds robotic. MESFIN FEKADU (AP)

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1 Heavily Influenced

Yuck's self-titled debut might lead you to believe this British five-piece is some long-lost grunge band from the '90s. But these barely 20-somethings (led by singer Daniel Blumberg, left) just harbor a healthy dose of alt-rock nostalgia, with a sludgy, guitar-heavy sound that recalls Pavement, Dinosaur Jr. and Sonic Youth. **Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; with Porcelain Raft; Wed., 8 p.m., \$15; 202-667-7960, Blackcatdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

2 Boyz Will Be Boyz

We can pin some blame for the '90s boy-band craze on Boyz II Men, but we can't fault any other group for wanting to imitate the band. The smooth, talented Boyz churned out catchy R&B hits the way our printer churns out unreadable pages. If you want to feel old, check out how your teenage crushes have aged when the band plays live in Alexandria. **Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 7:30 p.m., \$60; 703-549-7500, Birchmere.com.**

3 Manic Pixie Femme Fatale

People cite Audrey Hepburn as the original Manic Pixie Dream Girl, but we trace the trope back to 1946's "Gilda." Rita Hayworth, left, stars as an enigmatic nightclub singer in a bizarre love triangle involving gambling, secret police and Nazis. **American City Diner, 5532 Connecticut Ave. NW; 8 p.m., free; 202-244-1949, Americancitydiner.com. (Friendship Heights)**



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Best Bets

NBC
8:00



Harry's Law Somebody tell the Gossip Girl there's a copycat out there. Harry and Ollie are asked to defend a teenage blogger known as the "Snark Queen," who's charged with negligent homicide for outing a lesbian student who then committed suicide. Camryn Manheim, left, guest stars as the prosecutor.

BRAVO
9:00

Work of Art: The Next Great Artist To start this reality series' second season, each artist must turn a piece of tacky art, such as a painting of dogs playing checkers, into something classy.

ABC
9:31

Happy Endings Megan Mullally, right, guest-stars as Dana, Penny's (Casey Wilson, left) mom, who's in town to sing at a boat show. When Penny discovers she's hiding some unpleasant news, she decides it's time for a reality check.



FX
10:00

American Horror Story Vivien (Connie Britton) and Violet (Taissa Farmiga) find themselves in a perilous situation that has eerie echoes of an event in the past. Ben (Dylan McDermott) returns to Boston to correct a mistake. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



PENN & TELLER TELL A LIE

To Tell the Truth

DISC
10:00

This new series combines elements of popular science with old-fashioned game shows. In each episode, the popular illusionists (Teller is above) present seven outrageous claims, such as "a butter knife can stop a speeding bullet." Six of these claims are true; one is false. Viewers can play along at Discovery.com, where they can cast their votes for the night's big fib. The results will be revealed at the end of each show, indicating our collective talent for lie detection. Or revealing that we're a nation of dupes. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNIVERSAL UCLICK)

Premieres



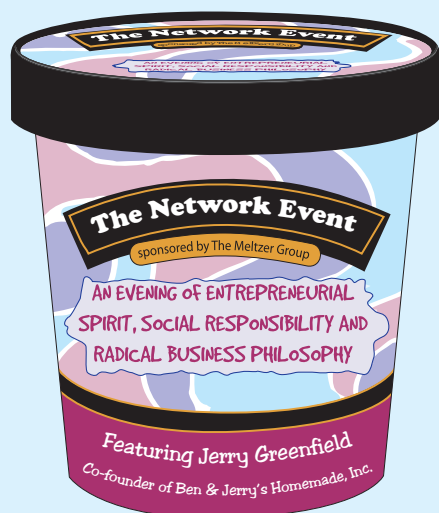
Homicidal Humor

Malcolm McDowell, left, guest-stars on the sixth-season premiere of "Psych" (10 p.m., USA), the silly send-up of the detective genre, starring James Roday, right, as Shawn, America's favorite fake psychic and terminally immature sleuth. McDowell plays a British diplomat whose home becomes the center of a murder mystery that Shawn stumbles upon while stealing a "Star Wars" collectible.

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It All Stacks Up

Legoland's new park in Florida features a learning experience for kids and parents

Excursions

The first thing you'll do upon entering Legoland Florida is walk up to the nearest oversized Lego model and touch it: Is it really made out of those little plastic bricks that are as much a part of American childhood as skinned knees and ice cream cones?

The answer is yes. And, thankfully, they're all glued together to withstand abuse from the rambunctious kids and curious parents who will be visiting Florida's newest theme park, which opened Oct. 15. Situated in little Winter Haven, 45 minutes from Disney and the other Orlando-area attractions, Legoland Florida is aimed at kids from 2 to 12. Those in the upper half of that demographic will get the most out of it, marveling at the cool Lego models scattered throughout the park and taking full advantage of the opportunities to get their hands on them, visit a castle, shoot lasers and ride four roller coasters.

But there's a special area for toddlers, too, and parents will certain-



Legoland Florida's Miniland USA features pint-sized versions of cities and landmarks.

If You Go ...

Located in Winter Haven, Fla., about a 45-minute drive from Orlando; Florida.legoland.com or 877-350-5346. Opens Oct. 15. Open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. most days; check online calendar for occasional closures and extended hours. Geared toward families with kids ages 2 to 12. Tickets \$65 for ages 13 and over; \$55 for ages 3 to 12 and over 60. (AP)

ly linger in the amazing Miniland USA area, which features the skylines of New York and other big cities, as well as Florida landmarks, all constructed from Legos.

"Every Lego model you see in the park is made with standard Lego pieces," says Bill Vollbrecht, the self-described "Lego nerd" who designed the park. "We want to show what you can do with them. This is the ultimate toy box."

The new Florida park is the largest of the Legolands and is divided into 10 zones, including Fun Town, where families can get a closer look at how Legos are made; Lego Kingdoms, with a whimsical, interactive ride through the castle; Lego City, where kids can drive a car by themselves on scaled-down streets; and the Imagination Zone, where they can build and mess with more big Lego models. MITCH STACY (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

Flight Crew

I'll be in Boston Oct. 14 to 17, and all the moderately priced hotels are booked up, leaving only the expensive ones. Can you recommend any websites for apartment rentals in Boston and Cambridge?

Try looking at VRBO.com. Quite a number of options for Boston there. Also look at the sources listed by the Boston tourism folks. There's also Airbnb.com. As to what to avoid, I'd say you'd have to be very careful about Craigslist.

I am going to be in Paris for only three days, and for one of them I would like to take a day trip from Paris to the countryside — but the options are overwhelming! I am hoping you have a recommendation for English-speaking tours, preferably a minibus with no more than 10 to 12 people. We would love an emphasis on wine or a general history tour.

You could always go to the Normandy beaches, where tours for English

speakers abound. You could take the train from Paris, then hook up with, for instance, Paul Woodadge's DDay Historian tours, which come highly recommended, for a look at the battlefields. Or, as I've recommended in the past, you could drive or take the train out to Mont St. Michel, which is fabulous.



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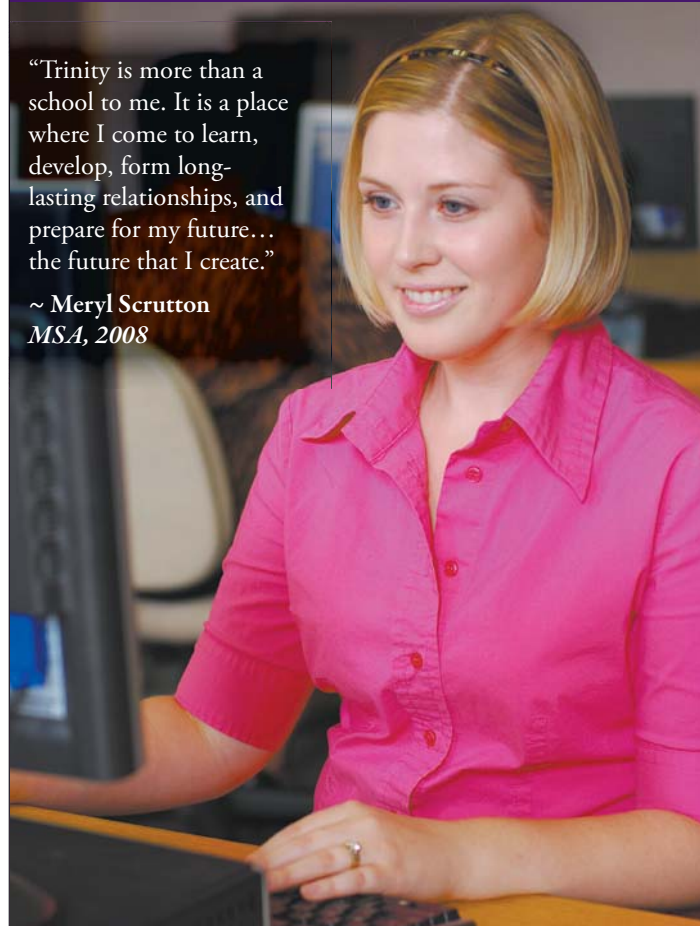
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“This outfit offends me not only as a feminist, but as a member of the eating disorder community. I find it absolutely appalling. Products like this completely delegitimize EDs as diseases, and encourage people to see them as something to scoff at.”

—**FEMINISTING.COM** thinks Halloween-store.com’s “Anna Rexia” costume is inappropriate.

“What about the always-popular concept of a community ice rink — which could or could not be a part of the Winter Classic — that residents could use during the winter? Or, if the Nationals don’t make the playoffs, how about just letting people come in and use the park’s giant high-def screen in October to watch a couple of movies every now and then?”

—**DCIST.COM** offers a couple ideas for what to do with Nationals Park during the off-season.

“If you’re a superhero long enough, sooner or later the populace that prospers under your protection will turn against you. It’s happened to all the greats: Batman, Mr. Incredible and now Phoenix Jones. The clearly jealous Seattle police have arrested the masked vigilante — who was so good at his job that no one even knew he existed until he got a publicist and a Facebook page.”

—**POPWATCH.EW.COM** wonders whether Seattle will be safe now that Jones, born Benjamin Francis, has been unmasked as a self-proclaimed superhero.

“A lot of the changes seem to be common sense and useful, though some, like changing New York Ave-Florida Ave-Gallaudet U to NoMa/Gallaudet U seem more aspirational than functional (at least for non-residents of the area) at this point in time.”

—**WASHINGTONCITYPAPER.COM/BLOGS/CITYDESK** reacts to the proposed changes to certain Metro station names, which WMATA released Tuesday.

“This race is going to be as big of a joke as Joe the Plumber himself. The new 9th District was drawn as a deliberate Democratic vote sink — Republicans linked up Cleveland’s West Side all the way to distant Toledo precisely to isolate as many Democratic voters as possible in a single congressional seat. It’s a clever gerrymander, which means any Republican who would try to run here just isn’t very clever at all. And that, of course, describes Joe the Plumber perfectly.”

—**DAILYKOS.COM** doesn’t think that Joseph Wurzelbacher has a chance in his run for Congress in Ohio’s 9th District.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You'll want your ideas to be front and center, but you also don't want to seem too aggressive in your self-promotion.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You've been knocking a certain idea around in your head for a while — and now it may well be time to put it into motion. Consider risks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You're going to have to ask for what you want, even though any notion of charity rubs you the wrong way. Don't let pride stand in your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Tension is likely to rise today, but you can keep things from getting out of hand merely by saying what begs to be said — in the right way.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone is likely to give you a deal today — but are you really getting what you want? Don't let a seeming bargain fool you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Listen to what is being said about you — both positive and negative — and you'll learn a great deal that can be of immediate use.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll have more to do in the morning hours today than usual, and you mustn't make the mistake of thinking that these things will wait.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your desires are bubbling to the surface, and very soon everyone will know just what it is you most want — and someone may give it to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Are you hiding from yourself? In recent days there have been certain issues you have not wanted to address head-on — and this is a mistake.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) A time limit of sorts is likely to take you very much by surprise, as you had thought that there were no such restrictions pressing you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Traditional methods that work for others may not be quite right for you; seek a way of doing things that is new, but not controversial.

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RACK 2

RACK 3

RACK 4

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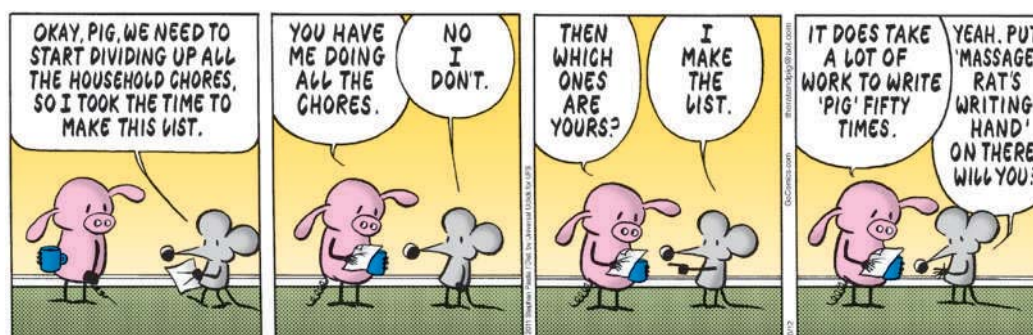
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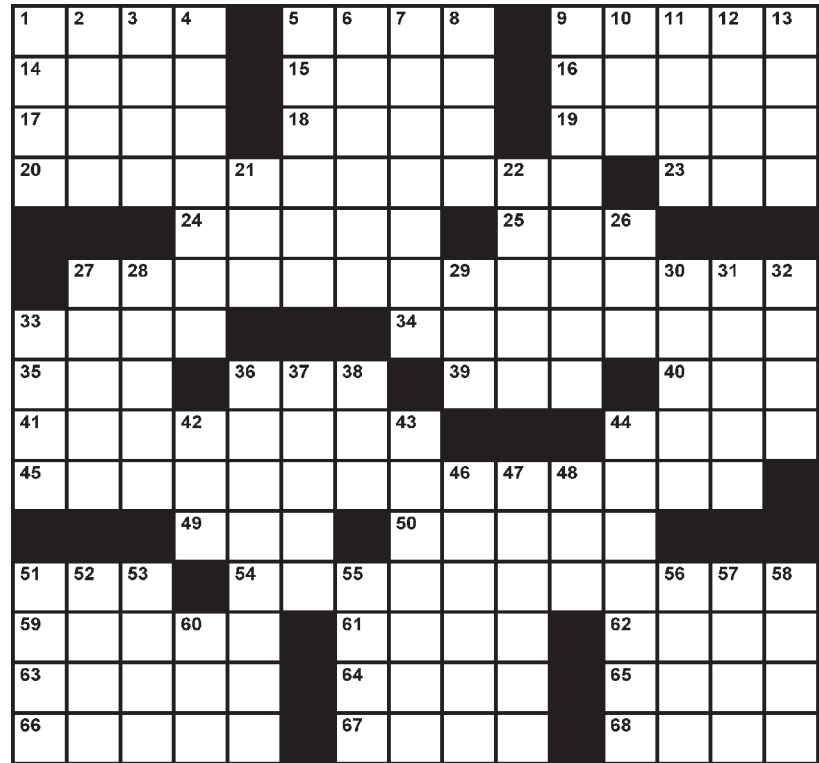
INSIDE SWELLED HEADS

ACROSS

- 1 Complain habitually
- 5 Baker's dozen?
- 9 Actress, director and producer Foster
- 14 Artificial bread spread
- 15 Blinds piece
- 16 Andrew Lloyd Webber musical
- 17 Adam and Eve's second son
- 18 Vegetative state
- 19 Some undercover cops
- 20 Garrison Keillor's fictional hometown
- 23 An article you use every day
- 24 Gem unit
- 25 Command to a dog
- 27 Hearty main dish
- 33 Put into piles
- 34 One making choices
- 35 Hollywood legend
- 45 Plainsong
- 49 Mandela's one-time org.
- 50 Campaigned for another term
- 51 "Affirmative!"
- 54 California tourist attraction
- 59 Arcade game pioneer
- 61 Hug needs
- 62 Ear-piercing
- 63 Egged on, in a way
- 64 You may wear it out
- 65 About, in legal memos
- 66 "All joking"
- 67 Some hosp. workers
- 68 Loch of monstrous fame

DOWN

- 1 Black vein contents
- 2 Jessica of "The Love Guru"
- 3 Emit a foul stench
- 4 Stinker of a mammal



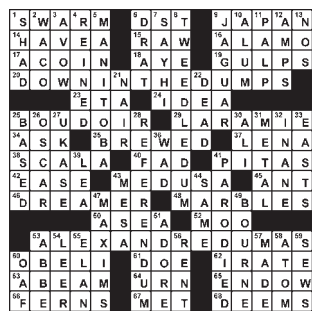
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- 5 Do an usher's work
- 6 Worldwide
- 7 Reproductive cells
- 8 Doe's counterpart
- 9 Beals of "Flashdance"
- 10 They're fertilized in biology
- 11 Soap's target
- 12 Restless desire
- 13 "At ____, soldier!"
- 21 Verb in a retrospective
- 22 "____ Mio" (popular aria)
- 26 What 67-Across provide
- 27 A wandering dog?
- 28 Speak in a pompous manner
- 29 "Whiz" or "whillikers" precursor
- 30 Had a pizza delivered
- 31 French Impressionist

- painter Claude
- 32 Operated a stud farm
- 33 Belted out a ballad
- 36 Raymond Burr TV series
- 37 Approximately, in dates
- 38 ____-fi (book genre)
- 42 Club with clubs in its logo
- 43 Pendant jewelry item
- 44 Wool fat
- 46 ____ Marcus (retail chain)
- 47 Wave tops
- 48 Cauldron stirrer
- 51 "And so on," when tripled
- 52 Airport monitor info, for short
- 53 Bollywood film costume

- 55 Chemist's condiment
- 56 "No-fly" area
- 57 Belonging to us
- 58 Ceremonious poetry
- 60 Bad ink color for business

Yesterday's Solution



Today in History

1492 Christopher Columbus arrives with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

1810 Oktoberfest is first held in Munich to celebrate the wedding of Bavarian Crown Prince Ludwig and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildburghausen.

2000 Seventeen sailors are killed in a suicide bomb attack on the destroyer USS Cole in Yemen.

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people **lookout****FORGIVENESS****'You Must Read This While I Stare at You, Half-Naked'**

Rihanna says she resented Chris Brown for a time but has put that behind her and is happy that her former boyfriend has found success in music again. "It was too much anger," she told Esquire magazine. "I'm really excited to see the breakthrough he's had in his career." Esquire named Rihanna, 23, its Sexiest Woman Alive for 2011 in its November issue. (AP)

TRAVELING**'Personal Capacity' Code For: 'To Adopt a New Baby'?**

The U.N. refugee agency says goodwill ambassador Angelina Jolie is currently visiting Libya, but in a personal capacity. An agency spokesman

says that the actress plans to meet with aid groups in the country. The Geneva-based agency said last week that it was discussing a bigger role for Jolie after receiving \$5 million in donations from her in the past decade. (AP)



GETTY IMAGES

Maybe it wouldn't be remotely bizarre if they were the panties she was wearing in this picture. Nope, still bizarre.

FOR SALE**A New Way To Define Panty Raid**

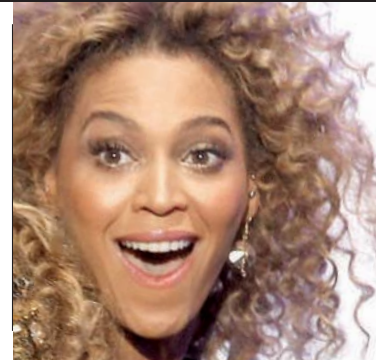
Tareq Salahi is selling used underwear that belonged to his estranged wife, Michaela, to raise money for charity, according to the Huffington Post. "He is only giving 10 percent to charity, and he said it was going to Make A Wish Foundation and Comic Relief, but they knew nothing about it when they were called," a source tells the website. (EXPRESS)

Endorsements**A Regular Ponce de Leon**

Jessica Simpson is launching BeautyMint, a website that sells anti-aging skin care products, reports Us Weekly. The site is part of the BeachMint brand, which includes Rachel Bilson's ShoeMint and Kate Bosworth's JewelMint. (EXPRESS)

**ACCUSATIONS****Baby Already Planning Post-Birth Press Address**

Beyonce's baby bump is being called fake because of a video from an Australian TV show where the singer's stomach appears to fold when she sits down. A representative for Beyonce told TMZ that the rumors are "stupid, ridiculous and false." (EXPRESS)



"That night, I told my manager that, 'You could tell ESPN and Disney adios' ... the bottom line folks, Mickey is a mean mouse."

— HANK WILLIAMS JR. ADDRESSES HIS RECENT FIRING FROM ESPN'S "MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL" ON "THE VIEW," WHICH AIRS ON ESPN SISTER STATION ABC.

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